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### **SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN DEATH OF 6 MONTH-OLD INFANT**

Seattle Police Department Fugitive Apprehension Team detectives arrested Lorrie and Thomas Boettger on March 12, 2007, for felony child abuse warrants issued for the death of their infant son, Thomas Boettger, Jr. on October 25, 2006.

San Diego Police Department Child Abuse Unit detectives responded to an infant death on October 25, 2006 in the 4400 block of 44<sup>th</sup> Street. The Boettger family was visiting from Shelton, Washington when Thomas, Jr. died. The medical examiner ruled the death a homicide when toxicology results and family history revealed the parents administered adult over-the-counter medications, which contributed to his death.

Child Abuse detectives conducted further investigation in Shelton, Washington and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office issued \$1,000,000 felony child abuse warrants for the arrests of Lorrie and Thomas Boettger. The Boettger's were arrested on March 12, 2007, in Seattle, Washington. Their transfer to San Diego is pending extradition procedures.

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